

Local showers Wednesday except fair in northwest portion; Thursday, showers; light to moderate variable winds.

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FLOOD CLAIMS FIRST TOLL OF WHITE LIVES

Mother and Two Daughters Swept From Improvised Raft.

TWO THOUSAND MORE REFUGEES RESCUED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND TAKEN TO BATON ROUGE—SUNSHINE PUTS HEART INTO ARMY OF WORKERS—THE CREST OF FLOOD WILL SOON REACH NEW ORLEANS.

By Associated Press.
Baton Rouge, May 7.—The Torras flood claimed its first toll of white lives today when a mother and her two daughters were swept from an improvised raft and drowned on Bayou Lafourche. A farmer and his family were making desperate efforts to reach the hills, when the raft on which they were being transported suddenly went to pieces. The farmer was rescued.

Two thousand more refugees were rescued by government officials today from the crevasse floods. Good weather came today and put heart into the army of five thousand men working in this section to hold the levees. They felt the battle is won if sunshine continues another day and barring, of course, the unexpected heavy rises in the river north of here.

New Orleans, May 7.—When the official river gauge at the foot of Canal street registered 21.3 feet at 4 o'clock this afternoon, a rise of four-tenths since 7 o'clock this morning, the United States weather officials were of the opinion that the Mississippi had started on the final lap toward the predicted crest of 21.5 feet, which would mark the passing of the greatest flood recorded in the Mississippi valley in which all stages and duration records have been smashed.

Clear weather and sunshine were reported today at all points south of the Torras crevasse and encouraging reports of condition were received from all points up the river.

Down the river where the embankments were thought to be weak the work of raising matted persons in the isolated districts progressed more rapidly today. Boats coming into the concentration camps were usually loaded with women and children.

Tuesday brought sunshine and a diminution of activity in the New Orleans levee districts. Work was practically abandoned in the third district here and in the vicinity of the American and Orleans canals. The sun today baked the repair work done the past few days and the engineers are once again cheerful. The levees are inspected and pronounced to be in good condition. Raising funds for the flood victims continues.

With about 815 square miles of the state of Louisiana now inundated, engineers forecast are that the Mississippi flood will reach a water elevation 10 per cent greater than that of the record reached in 1893.

Only rough estimates of the agricultural losses have been arrived at. These, however, indicate that the loss has not been less than \$8,500,000.

ESTIMATE OF LOSS IMPOSSIBLE.

It is impossible to even estimate the property loss caused by the floods, but it is certain that it will run well into the millions of dollars.

MUST WORK OR NO RATIONS WILL BE SUPPLIED

Opelousas, La., May 7.—Considerable indignation exists among the citizens of this place over the increasing number of men, mostly Italians and negroes, who are flocking here from the overworked country and asking for aid. A movement has been started to compel them to choose between returning to their former homes and assist the citizens of this place who are engaged in a fight against the floods, or to quit Opelousas.

Over 300 men, women and children arrived here last night from the Atchafalaya country. Most of the men who came in accompanied officers of employment bureaus and were sent on to the northern part of St. Landry parish to work on the levees in the Bayou Boeuf section.

The Opelousas military company, doing guard duty in the Melville district, has abandoned its tents and is now occupying the railroad station at Melville.

Captain Bennett, of the United States relief corps, has established headquarters here and is dispensing government aid from this point.

REFUGEES FLOCKING TO TOWNS BY HUNDREDS

Bunkie, La., May 7.—Refugees from the stricken and threatened sections of Pointe Coupee, St. Landry and Avoyelles parishes are flocking here on every train. One hundred Italians, mostly women and small children taken from the levee at McRae, in Pointe Coupee parish, were brought in today. They had been camping on the levee five days waiting to be rescued. So hurriedly were they forced to leave their homes they were compelled to leave everything behind.

The task of caring for the hundreds of flood stricken people pouring into

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IS SECRETARY OF COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATION

RUFUS JONES, WELL KNOWN NEWSPAPER MAN, IS HERE EN ROUTE TO CORINTH, MISS., WHERE HE WILL AGAIN ENTER THE FIELD OF THE COMMERCIAL SECRETARY.

Rufus Jones, until recently managing editor of the Montgomery Advertiser, is in the city for a day or two, mingling with his many friends here. He is en route to Corinth, Miss., where he goes to become secretary of the commercial organization of that city.

Mr. Jones resigned his position on the Advertiser because his eyes were troubling him, but he finds since taking a rest that his eyes have improved greatly, but is afraid to attempt to do newspaper work at present. Anyway, he says he likes the work of a commercial secretary next to newspaper work and believes he can do this work without impairing his eyesight.

Rufus Jones is one of the most popular newspaper men and one of the most popular commercial secretaries in the south today, having served in both capacities in a number of the leading cities and he has made good at both. He has served in both of these capacities in Pensacola and has a large number of friends who are always interested in his welfare and who are always glad to see him when he drops in here for a visit.

Mr. Jones will probably leave this afternoon for Corinth, where he will assume his new position.

HORSE KILLED BY TOUCHING A LIVE WIRE

HORSE DRIVEN BY THOS. HARRIS STEPS UPON LIVE WIRE AND DIES INSTANTLY—ACCIDENT OCCURRED AT BAYOU GRANDE.

An unusual accident and one which came near meaning the death of Thomas Harris as well as killing his horse occurred yesterday morning at the electric road crossing at Bayou Grande when the horse which Mr. Harris was driving came in contact with a telephone wire which had fallen across an electric wire. The animal was instantly killed.

Mr. Harris was taking his little daughter to school when the accident occurred. The storm in the early morning had blown down a telephone wire which became charged with electricity as it fell across the electric light wire. The telephone wire reached the ground and when the horse came in contact with it death occurred immediately.

Mr. Harris, not knowing that the live wire caused the horse to fall, sprang from the buggy and was about to take hold of the horse when he saw the wire. If he had not seen the wire in time it is likely that he, too, would have been instantly killed.

BISHOPS WILL ASK FOR CHANGE

Nashville, Tenn., May 7.—The college of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, yesterday decided to recommend to the general conference a change in article 24 of the church articles of faith, the first since its adoption in 1808.

The article now provides that those who unite with the church shall be loyal citizens of the United States. At the time the confession was prepared, it was intended simply for the United States and was, therefore, applicable. However, the denomination, with its many missions, has grown so rapidly that this portion of the confession is not now applicable to the whole church.

WILSON AND CLARK BAG DELEGATES, BUT DEMOCRATIC SITUATION VERY UNCERTAIN

Washington, D. C., May 7.—As the time for the Democratic national convention draws nearer, speculation as to the Democracy's probable candidate for the presidency becomes more rife. All is uncertainty. Thus far Woodrow Wilson and Champ Clark have bagged most of the instructed delegates. Governor Marshall, of Indiana, has the votes of his own state; Oscar Underwood has the delegates from Alabama and Florida. A big fight is promised, and it may be necessary for the convention to settle upon a compromise candidate.

The five active candidates for the presidential plum point proudly to their records. Governor Wilson's record in politics has been short, but during his brief sojourn in the New Jersey legislature he has achieved much. His followers point to the workmen's compensation act, presidential preference primaries, the laws providing for the regulation and control of corporations and other good measures which Wilson forced through the New Jersey legislature, and say that this record entitles him to higher responsibilities.

Champ Clark's boosters are proud of the Missouri record in the house of representatives. They, too, are certain that he is cut out to be the next president of the country over had.

Governor Marshall, of Indiana, points to his record as chief executive of that progressive state, and broadly hints that his fellow Democrats could not do a better thing than nominate him for president.

The Ohio legislature has let slip through some excellent legislation the past two years and Gov. Judson Harmon claims the credit. He says that this record entitles him to the distinguished consideration of all good Democrats. Harmon is a first-rate lawyer



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and was attorney general under President Cleveland.

Oscar W. Underwood would undoubtedly stand a better chance to get the presidential plum if he lived further north. Alabama is hopelessly Democratic and those candidates thrive best who live in doubtful states.

A very important factor at the Baltimore convention will be the New York delegation. The New York delegates are uninstructed, but they will vote as a unit. Nobody knows what candidate they will favor in the convention.

FLORIDA LAND INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUED

NORTH CAROLINA MAN TELLS OF THE OPERATIONS OF J. O. WRIGHT, AND CHARGES THE LATTER ENTERED A LAND DEAL WHILE A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE AND OFFERED TO SELL LAND FOR \$5,000 OF STOCK

Washington, May 7.—The Florida Everglades investigation was resumed today before the Moss committee of the house, with the testimony of Edward J. Wilkinson, of Tallahassee, N. C., who told of the operations of J. O. Wright, formerly drainage engineer in the department of agriculture, in a land development deal near Albertville, N. C.

According to Wilkinson, Wright, while a government employee, entered a land deal before he became drainage engineer for Florida, and offered to sell some of the land for \$5,000 worth of the stock.

The stock was turned over, Wilkinson said, and shortly afterward Wright appeared as the government's drainage engineer to develop the land.

ARMY OFFICER IS PREPARING TO MOVE

Commanding Officer of Fort D. A. Russell is Rounding Up Freight Cars to Move His Troops.

Washington, May 7.—The reported activity of Col. Arthur Williams, of the Eleventh Infantry, in command at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, in rounding up freight cars for the transportation of troops to the Texas border, was said at the war department to be due to nothing more than a laudable desire to have the troops in readiness to respond to any call.

It is pointed out that troops from Fort D. Russell were nearly a fortnight on the way from that point to San Antonio during the mobilization last summer.

REV. RICHESON WAS A MORMON

Man Under Death Sentence For Murdering Avis Linnell Was an Elder For Number of Years.

Boston, May 7.—Clarence V. T. Richeson, under death sentence for the murder of Avis Linnell, was a Mormon elder and was secretly connected with Mormon organizations for several years, although preaching from the Baptist pulpit, according to a sworn statement made before an attorney and a justice of the peace.

The author of the affidavit is Mrs. Louise E. Brittain, who claims she was formerly connected with the Mormons.

TRIAL OF JUDGE WILL BE OPEN

Charges Against Judge Robert W. Archibald Will Be Heard in the Open by Committee.

Washington, May 7.—Public hearings on the charges against Judge Robert W. Archibald, of the commerce court, upon which may be based impeachment proceedings, were decided upon today by the house judiciary committee. Testimony in open session begins tomorrow.

RAIN DOES NOT DAMPEN ARDOR OF THE REUNION

THOUSANDS OF VISITORS AND VETERANS PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRST DAY'S SESSION, NOTWITHSTANDING THE DOWN POUR OF RAIN WHICH CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE DAY.

Nashville, Tenn., May 7.—Nearly 1,000 workers and speakers of notes are assembled here today for the first Southern Sociological Congress, which was formally opened tonight and will continue in session through Friday. This morning witnessed the opening of the large exhibit which will be maintained during the congress and to which New Orleans, Birmingham, Raleigh, Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, Chicago, Louisville, St. Louis and particularly New York have contributed. The exhibit is illustrative of the means of dealing with child labor, anti-tuberculosis, housing and other problems.

For the congress sixteen states have sent delegates and more than that number of organizations whose work is along such lines are represented. Notable among those on the program are Dr. Hastings H. Hays and John M. Glenn, of the Russell Sage Foundation; Alexander Johnson, secretary of the National Conference of Charities and Correction; Miss Gertrude Knapp, secretary of the American Association for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality, and Miss Jean M. Gordon, president of the Southern Conference on Women and Child Labor. Other organizations whose work is represented are the Anti-Tuberculosis League, marine hospital service, the Jeanes and Slater boards, Southern Medical Association, National Reform Bureau, state boards of health and boards of charities, universities, prison associations and child welfare associations. Gov. Hoover, president of the conference, will not be present, illness having necessitated a rest in the mountains.

An enthusiastic delegation is here from Little Rock and will make an effort to secure the next session of the congress.

SCORE OF PERSONS INJURED IN WRECK

Two Sleeping Cars and a Dinner Train Over on the Southern Railway Near Columbia, S. C.

Columbia, S. C., May 7.—A score or more persons were injured when train No. 31 on the Southern Railway, Washington to Jacksonville, was derailed about three miles north of Columbia this morning at 8 o'clock.

Two sleeping cars and the dinner train were derailed and the passengers were able to proceed.

Breaking of the axle of one of the driving wheels on the engine caused the wreck.

PRESIDENT TAFT ENJOYS ONE DAY OF REST

Cincinnati, May 7.—President Taft for the first time in several weeks today cast aside the cares of office and worries of the political stump and enjoyed a day of recreation.

This afternoon Mr. Taft occupied a box at the Cincinnati-Philadelphia baseball game. In the evening he attended the opening of the Cincinnati May Musical Festival. Tomorrow he will return to the political campaign in Ohio.

BARONS ARE STRENGTHENED.

Birmingham, Ala., May 7.—President Baugh, of the local baseball association, today announced that Third Baseman Almeida, purchased from Cincinnati, would be in Birmingham tomorrow. It is understood Birmingham paid \$2,500 for the Cuban player.

WRIT OF ERROR IN THE WAILES CASE

Special to The Journal. Tallahassee, May 7.—The supreme court of the United States has granted a writ of error to the supreme court of Florida in the Wailes chain case. The case will go to Washington for review.

WILSON GETS TEXAS; CLARK WASHINGTON

In South Carolina Only Five Delegates Receive Instructions.

THESE ARE FOR WILSON—GOVERNOR COLE L. BLEASE IS DEFEATED BY IRA B. JONES—ROOSEVELT DEFEATS PRESIDENT TAFT IN BOTH TEXAS AND MARYLAND—PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS WIN IN MARYLAND.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, May 7.—Republican returns of today's county conventions from 39 counties give Roosevelt 50, Taft 30, uninstructed 10, and split delegations of contests 6, with four counties reporting no conventions held.

Democrats returns give Wilson 187, Harmon 72, Clark 9, uninstructed 4; counties holding no conventions, 4; total counties heard from, 76.

WILSON GETS THE FIVE INSTRUCTED DELEGATES

Columbia, S. C., May 7.—Returns from all but one of the Democratic county conventions yesterday show only five instructed delegates and these are for Wilson. Returns indicate that Ira B. Jones, for governor, against Gov. Cole L. Blease, would control the state convention.

STAMPED OUT ATTEMPTED IN WASHINGTON CONVENTION

Walla Walla, Wash., May 7.—The state Democratic convention voted this afternoon to endorse Champ Clark as its candidate for president. The vote stood: Clark 455, Wilson 108, Bryan 1351-2, Harmon 11-2. An attempt to stampede the convention for Bryan was unsuccessful.

PENNSYLVANIA DELEGATES INSTRUCTED FOR WILSON

Harrisburg, Pa., May 7.—The regular Democratic state organization yesterday swept out of power by the "re-organization" faction after a fight of two years. The "re-organizers," led by Geo. W. Guthrie, former mayor of Pittsburgh, controlled the convention. A state ticket was named and twelve delegates at large to the Democratic convention were elected and instructed for Wilson.

UNDERWOOD CARRIES THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Jackson, Miss., May 7.—Underwood carried Mississippi in the Democratic preference primaries today. His vote was approximately double that of Wilson. Midnight reports showed that Underwood has a majority of three-fourths of the counties of the state.

Senator John Sharp Williams, Jas. K. Vardaman, Governor Brewer and C. H. Alexander were elected delegates at large without opposition. Williams and Alexander are supporting Wilson and Vardaman and Brewer are for Underwood.

PRESIDENT'S HOME STATE THE BATTLEGROUND NOW

Cincinnati, Ohio, May 7.—President Taft's home state probably will become the battleground where President Taft and ex-President Roosevelt will fight to a finish one of the decisive actions of the present campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. Friends of President Taft, with him on his visit to Cincinnati today, declared that the result of the

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FLOYD ALLEN HAD ON ARMOR PLATE

Deputy Sheriff Says That He Fired Four Shots Point Blank at Outlaw, But They Had No Effect.

Wytheville, Va., May 7.—Evidence that Floyd Allen wore bullet-proof protection in the Hillsville court when the shooting up of the court took place March 14, was brought out during the trial of Allen here today for the murder of Prosecutor William M. Foster.

Deputy Sheriff Gillespie testified that after the shooting began he had fired four shots point blank at Floyd Allen. Gillespie said he had wondered why the shots had not taken effect. He made a careful examination of the court room, but could find no shots in the wall opposite the point from which he had shot at Allen. Before Allen was arrested, he changed his clothes and Gillespie firmly believed the Allen clansmen the day of the tragedy wore a breast plate or some other armor protection.

Oscar Underwood Says He is a Candidate Only For Himself

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 7.—Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, majority leader of the house and candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, today declared that his presidential candidacy was not in the interest of Governor Harmon nor of any other candidate than himself.

This was in reply to a statement of William J. Bryan in a speech at Chillicothe, Ohio, last night that he had heard the Underwood delegates chosen in Georgia and Florida were in reality Harmon men.

PRECINCT VICE PRESIDENTS OF WILSON CLUB

President Loftin Confirms Nominations Made by Committee.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE ARE ALSO NAMED AND ACTIVE WORK IN BEHALF OF WILSON WILL BEGIN AT ONCE—WILSON RECEIVES LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS FROM MANY.

Scott M. Loftin, president of the Emmett Wilson Club, has confirmed the nominations made by the committee named to nominate vice presidents for the club. The gentlemen serving on the committee selected a vice president from each precinct in the county and it will be the duty of each vice president to organize the voters and create a strong and determined sentiment to elect Emmett Wilson to congress from the Third congressional district.

President Loftin also appointed a campaign committee consisting of himself and eight other earnest supporters of Mr. Wilson. A publicity committee of three was also appointed.

COMMITTEES TO WORK.

Both committees will probably hold sessions today and will enter upon their duties without delay. Probably no candidate for state or federal office has been backed by as earnest supporters as are now backing Mr. Wilson. Aside from the members of the Emmett Wilson Club who are pledged to further the cause, letters and telegrams have been received into Mr. Wilson's office for the last several days assuring him of the support of many prominent and influential citizens in the various counties of the district.

"A majority in every county" is a slogan suggested by an enthusiastic supporter of Mr. Wilson, and whether the slogan is officially adopted or not the club members have resolved to make an effort to secure a majority vote in every county.

After the committees and the officers of the club hold a session the campaign will begin in earnest and there will not be a let up until the polls close on May 28.

Vice presidents selected by the committee of five, consisting of Will H. Waters, Jr., J. M. Bowman, John G. Oliver and C. G. Hartfield, are as follows:

- Precinct No. 1—J. W. Cherry.
- Precinct No. 2—H. C. Miller.
- Precinct No. 3—William Fall.
- Precinct No. 4—J. E. Mariner.
- Precinct No. 5—J. F. Pierce.
- Precinct No. 6—B. M. Bonifay, Jr.
- Precinct No. 7—W. A. Finlay, Jr.
- Precinct No. 8—A. L. McCallum.
- Precinct No. 9—J. M. Foster.
- Precinct No. 10—Elijah Ward.
- Precinct No. 11—J. T. Merritt.
- Precinct No. 12—W. L. Meyer.
- Precinct No. 13—A. E. McMillan.
- Precinct No. 14—M. D. Forchheimer.
- Precinct No. 15—Charles Hartman.
- Precinct No. 16—W. B. Hubbard.
- Precinct No. 17—H. C. Clouton.
- Precinct No. 18—J. E. Bowman.
- Precinct No. 19—H. A. Jacob.
- Precinct No. 20—Mark McCurdy.
- Precinct No. 21—W. R. Vaughn.
- Precinct No. 22—James H. Jones.
- Precinct No. 23—J. E. Bowman.
- Precinct No. 24—Thomas W. Harris.
- Precinct No. 25—H. A. Suggs.
- Precinct No. 26—John P. Stokes.
- Precinct No. 27—Frank L. Mayes.
- Precinct No. 28—G. O. Brosham, Jr.
- Precinct No. 29—Dan H. Sheppard.
- Precinct No. 30—T. A. Jennings.
- Precinct No. 31—Dr. F. R. Maure.
- Precinct No. 32—Sam Cason.
- Precinct No. 33—J. F. Rigby.
- Precinct No. 34—Frank J. Riera.

Campaign committee—Scott M. Loftin, Henry M. Yonke, C. G. Hartfield, Kirk Moore, J. M. Bowman, John G. Oliver, S. M. Kennedy, Thomas A. Johnson, Wm. H. McKinley.

Publicity committee—William Bryan Mack, Sam Sanborn, C. E. Dobson.

MRS. EDDY'S WILL IS A VALID ONE

Court Holds That Clause Bequeathing \$200,000 to Mother Church Creates "Valid Trust."

Concord, N. H., May 7.—The clause of the will of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder of the Christian Science church, bequeathing the residue of her estate, valued at about \$2,000,000, to the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, creates a "valid trust" in the opinion of the supreme court of New Hampshire, announced today.

The court holds that the "residuary clause is not a gift to a church, but a gift for religious purposes sustainable as a charitable trust."

Orozco Refuses to Recognize Government of Emilio Gomez

By Associated Press.

Ecalon, Mex., May 7.—Gen. Pascual Orozco has refused to recognize the provisional government established by Emilio Vasquez Gomez at Juarez last Saturday.

Orozco today, on the march southward, telegraphed Gomez threatening him and his associates unless they left Mexico.

Orozco is 193 miles south of Chihuahua and forty miles behind his ad-

vance guard, which is expected within 24 hours to encounter the federal force under General Huerta.

The creation of any civil government prior to the successful termination of the war has persistently been opposed by Orozco. In his telegram to Gomez, Orozco declares he would have been glad to have had Vasquez Gomez come into the rebel zone and work with him in the interests of the revolution, but the Gomez government in Juarez was a thing he could not countenance.